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Thursday, April 30, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County leaders will provide an update on the COVID-19 response, including food supply. Link to view the press conference when it is posted is at right.

SHD'S NEW LYNNWOOD COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING SITE OFFERS SAME-DAY RESULTS

The Snohomish Health District introduced a new program offering drive-thru COVID-19 testing that delivers same-day results.

SKAGIT COUNTY DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING OPEN

Skagit County has also opened up a drive-through testing location. Details on who can be tested at this facility are at right.

THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Read a summary of the first 100 days of COVID-19 in Snohomish County. A link to the video recapping some of the events and achievement is at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County to Provide Update on COVID-19 Response

Friday morning, Snohomish County's Joint Information Center (JIC) will provide a media availability with county leaders to address the county's response to COVID-19, including food supply. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers will be joined by Snohomish Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, and Snohomish County Agriculture Coordinator Linda Neunzig.

The video will be posted at noon the same day and available for viewing at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

SHD's New Lynnwood COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site Offers Same-Day Results

The Snohomish Health District (SHD) introduced a new program offering drive-thru COVID-19 testing that delivers same-day results. The new machine being used for testing is able to produce results in 15 minutes.

Testing is available by appointment only for people who are sick and have [these](#) symptoms; please [register online](#)

When arriving for an appointment, bring the testing identifier number provided during registration and a photo ID. For more information please visit SHD's [webpage](#).

Skagit County Drive-Through Testing Open

Skagit County Drive Through Testing is available for anyone with mild symptoms, and any first responder or healthcare workers, anyone who works in the meatpacking industry, anyone who lives/works in a congregate setting, or anyone who is a close contact of a confirmed case.

- Open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Register [online](#) OR just show up
- Bring ID and insurance; there is assistance for uninsured patients who meet one of the [CDC 1-3 criteria](#)
- Nasal self-swab test

You do not have to be a resident of Skagit County to receive a test.

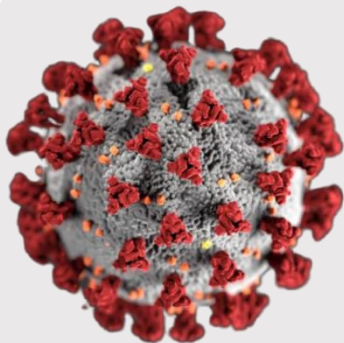
The First 100 Days of the Novel Coronavirus in Snohomish County

It has now been 100 days since the first reported case of COVID-19 in the U.S. was confirmed here in Snohomish County. A lot has changed since January 20.

Across our community, residents and businesses have suffered from losing loved ones, illness, fear, and the economic impacts. This pandemic has closed our schools, companies large and small, and recreational activities. Milestones and gatherings for graduations, funerals, and weddings have been impacted as well.

Snohomish County has also seen its communities banding together. People are volunteering and donating to help those in need. Businesses are adapting operations to fill critical needs and to keep customers safe. Schools are adjusting to a new way of educating students and supporting families. The community is rallying around frontline employees and healthcare workers.

While there is much left to do, the people and partners in Snohomish County have still weathered quite a storm. The Snohomish Health District,



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LYNNWOOD CANCELS SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

The City of Lynnwood has cancelled a number of Spring and Summer events and activities for 2020. List of the cancelled events is at right.

Snohomish County and the Department of Emergency Management's Joint Information Center have created a [video](#) recapping some of those events and achievements.

"I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our partners and the community for their support, collaboration, and resolve," said Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District. "Public health has asked a lot of you in the first 100 days. Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed, and they are very much appreciated."

"People from all across our community have suffered from the COVID-19 pandemic," said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. "The public's strong partnership and quick actions have been the key for driving down the curve in Snohomish County. We will continue to focus on saving lives, providing accurate information, and making decisions based on the best available science."

"We found ourselves thrust into the spotlight in the early days of the pandemic, and I am proud of the work that the Snohomish Health District and Snohomish County have done in the months since then," said Stephanie Wright, County Councilmember and Chair of the Board of Health. "The people of Snohomish County have proven once again just how strong and resilient our communities can be when we work together."

The Snohomish Health District has also published a [blog](#) looking back at the first 100 days and how guidance and messaging have evolved.

The health and safety of Snohomish County remains a top priority. The community is encouraged to help prevent the spread of illness and to support the response to this outbreak by staying informed and sharing reliable information. This is a very fluid situation and information will be updated at www.snohd.org/ncov2019 and the Health District's social media channels.

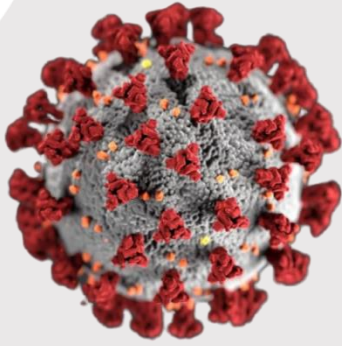
For more information please read the joint [press release](#).

Lynnwood Cancels Spring and Summer Events

Due to the current health crisis, the City of Lynnwood has cancelled the following Spring and Summer events and activities for 2020:

- Arbor Day Celebration
- Earth Day Park Service Day
- Salmon Hatchery Open House
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- EGGS-plore Art Reception (look for virtual event coming soon)
- Lynnwood Police Department's Cops & Kids Event
- Mayor Smith's State of the City Address (look for virtual event coming soon)
- History & Heritage Days (June event)
- Lynnwood Police Department's Kids Police Camp
- Shakespeare at the Park performance series at Lynndale Amphitheatre
- Fair on 44th - Lynnwood's Community Health & Safety Summer Block Party

Lynnwood is working on ideas for smaller, neighborhood-based events and engagement opportunities. They hope to offer community members many opportunities to connect and have fun, while maintaining recommended physical distancing and enhanced hygiene practices. Please stay tuned for more information and check out Lynnwood's [Events Calendar](#) and [City Facebook page](#) for updated information.



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MOUNTLAKE TERRACE ANNOUNCES REOPENING OF BOAT LAUNCH, FISHING PIER, AND NILE GOLF COURSE

The City of Mountlake Terrace it will open its boat launch and fishing pier at Ballinger Park on May 5. Nile Golf Course will also open to golfers on the same day.

NEW INTERACTIVE MAP TO SUPPORT PUGET SOUND SMALL BUSINESS

A new #SupportPugetSoundSmallBiz map was launched to help residents find small businesses providing takeout or delivery in their neighborhood. The map currently displays 2,600 small businesses across Snohomish, King and Pierce counties. Link to the map and the email address to get your business added are at right.

COMCAST/XFINITY EXTENDS COVID-19 RESPONSE POLICIES TO JUNE 30

Comcast is extending its COVID-19 response policies to June 30. More details at right.

GOVERNOR INSLEE ANNOUNCES DIALS TO GAUGE PHASED OPENING

Yesterday the governor announced that he is extending the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order beyond May 4. Link to the new dashboard to track key metrics is at right.

Mountlake Terrace Announces Reopening of Boat Launch, Fishing Pier, and Nile Golf Course

The City of Mountlake Terrace announced it will reopen its boat launch and fishing pier at Ballinger Park effective Tuesday, May 5.

In addition, the Nile Golf Course — also located in Mountlake Terrace — confirmed it will be open to golfers starting May 5.

For more information please read Mountlake Terrace's [news release](#).

New Interactive Map: Support Puget Sound Small Businesses

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan announced a new [#SupportPugetSoundSmallBiz map](#), which helps residents find small businesses providing takeout or delivery in their neighborhood, including Snohomish County. The map allows users to search for open small businesses in their neighborhood and navigate directly to a business' website or third-party delivery service page. After launching the [Seattle-specific map in late March](#), municipalities from across the region reached out to Seattle Information Technology (ITD) and asked to participate. To date, approximately 20 cities and counties are participating in the [#SupportPugetSoundSmallBiz map](#). Each municipality is working with its local economic development organizations to ensure restaurants are added to the map.

The [#SupportPugetSoundSmallBiz map](#) has received nearly 250,000 views, and averages about 2,200 visits per day. There are currently 2,600 small businesses in the map spread across Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties.

If you are a business owner and want to add yourself to the map, please email at supportsmallbiz@seattle.gov for instructions.

Comcast/Xfinity Extends COVID-19 Response Policies to June 30

[Internet Essentials](#) is a program for families and other low-income households who currently do not subscribe to Internet at home. Through this program, Comcast is offering new customers two months of free internet service in response to the Coronavirus emergency. Comcast is also offering Internet Essentials customers the option to purchase a laptop or desktop computer at [discounted price](#).

For more information please visit Comcast's Internet Essentials [webpage](#).

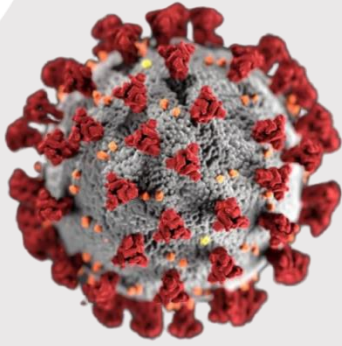
In addition, Comcast has made Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country available to anyone who needs them for free — including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. A map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, can be found at www.xfinity.com/wifi.

Current customers will continue to receive unlimited data for no additional charge until June 30. Comcast also announced they will not disconnect a customer's Xfinity Internet, Xfinity Mobile, or Xfinity Voice service, and will waive late fees if customers contact them and let Comcast know that they can't pay their bills during this period. Care teams are available to offer flexible payment options or help find other solutions.

For more information please read Comcast's news release in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Governor Inslee Announces Dials to Gauge Phased Opening

We are all looking forward to day when this disease is contained enough that the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order can be lifted. We have not quite hit this milestone yet. Yesterday the governor announced that he is extending the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order beyond May 4. Over time, he'll dial the restrictions up and down depending on how many people are getting sick



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INSLEE ISSUES GUIDANCE TO CLARIFY LIMITS ON ELECTIVE SURGERIES

The clarified guidelines include what type of non-urgent (elective) surgeries can be conducted.

and how well people are following the physical distancing rules. Some of the information the governor will consider as he moves that dial includes:

Information about COVID-19: How many people are getting sick? How many need to be hospitalized and how many die of COVID-19? We need to make sure to avoid another increase in the number of people impacted by the disease as we modify the restrictions.

Our ability to test a lot of people: We need to increase the number of people who are tested for COVID-19. We have the lab capacity to do it, but we still have a nationwide shortage of testing materials, including swabs and viral transmission media to get the samples to the labs.

Contact tracing: We need to be able to reach everyone who comes in contact with someone with COVID-19 to make sure they are tested and isolated. This is a huge amount of work. We are now building a workforce of about 1,500 people to help with this, primarily from the Washington State National Guard, local health departments, and the state Department of Health.

Status of the health care system: We need to make sure the health care system is able to handle another surge of patients in case the virus again spreads rapidly through the population.

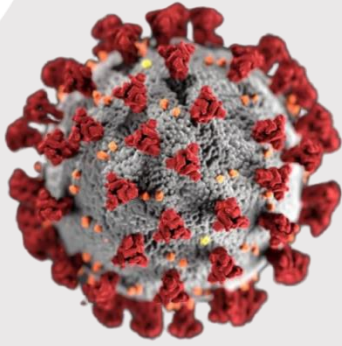
The information being tracked is compiled into an easier to digest dashboard. The dashboard provides a high-level overview of the main data points discussed among state leaders and the level of risk experts perceive around the current numbers. It is not intended to represent the totality of all COVID-19 related data. The dashboard is updated weekly on Wednesdays.



To see the full dashboard go to: <https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-risk-assessment-dashboard>.

Inslee Issues Guidance to Clarify Limits on Elective Surgeries

The [guidance provides clarification](#) on what type of non-urgent surgeries are permitted under the order and lays out guidelines for what PPE health care workers should have and how long they should use it.



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INSLEE ANNOUNCES NEW INITIATIVE TO EXPAND LANGUAGE ACCESS TO COVID-19 INFORMATION

A new language access plan that will ensure state agencies can provide vital COVID-19 information to individuals with disabilities and with limited English proficiency. Links are at right.

KREIDLER EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR PROPERTY INSURANCE CLAIMS WITH BUILDING REPAIRS

Details of the emergency order extension are at right. Without the extension, some policyholders in Washington could have been forced to accept a depreciated settlement from an insurer that was less than the replacement cost.

U.S. DOD ANNOUNCES DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT TO BOOST CORONAVIRUS TESTING SWAB PRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Defense will invest \$75.5 million to increase swab production by 20 million per month.

Inslee Announces New Initiative to Expand Language Access to COVID-19 Information

Yesterday, Gov. Jay Inslee issued a [memo](#) to state agencies detailing a new [language access plan](#) that will ensure state agencies can provide vital COVID-19 information to individuals with disabilities and with limited English proficiency.

The plan, which was developed in coordination with the state's COVID-19 Joint Information Center (JIC), provides a streamlined new process for agencies to translate vital information related to COVID-19 into the top 37 languages spoken in Washington state. These top languages are spoken by at least 5% of the state population or 1,000 people based on 2016 Office of Financial Management (OFM) data. The plan also provides guidance for state agencies to establish telephonic interpretation services which allows real-time translation over the phone.

The state Department of Health in coordination with the state's JIC has [made COVID-19 health information available in at least 26 languages](#) and has produced an [American Sign Language COVID-19 video series](#).

For those with questions about COVID-19, the state has also established a hotline at 1-800-525-0127. For interpretative services, press # when they answer and say your language. The hotline is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

Kreidler Extends Deadline for Property Insurance Claims with Building Repairs

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler [filed an emergency order](#) that requires insurers to extend deadlines relating to withheld depreciation for policyholders who are in the process of completing home or building repairs as part of a property loss claim under a replacement cost policy.

The deadline is extended 60 days after June 26, 2020, or after the expiration of Gov. Jay Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order, whichever comes first.

Without the extension, some policyholders in Washington could have been forced to accept a depreciated settlement from an insurer that was less than the replacement cost.

Some policies have a time requirement to complete repairs. Since the residential construction industry was prohibited from doing repair work during a statewide shutdown, some people may have been unable to complete the repairs within the allotted time.

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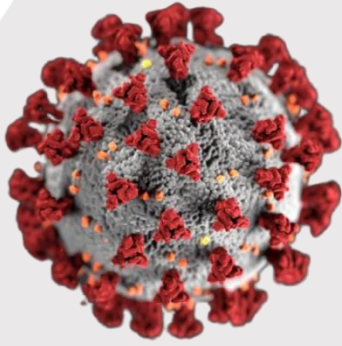
The United States Department of Defense (DOD) will invest \$75.5 million in Defense Production Act to increase swab production by 20 million per month.

For more information please read DOD's [news release](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of April 30, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,447
Probable	224
Deceased	109

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	103 (73 recovered)



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

Starting April 25, the Health District will no longer be updating case counts on the website on Saturdays and Sundays.

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

Bothell*	167 (120 recovered)
Brier	18 (10 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	287 (169 recovered)
Everett	759 (462 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	21 (15 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	102 (81 recovered)
Lynnwood	507 (267 recovered)
Marysville	204 (129 recovered)
Mill Creek	44 (29 recovered)
Monroe	62 (41 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	90 (54 recovered)
Mukilteo	51 (42 recovered)
Snohomish	124 (92 recovered)
Stanwood	85 (67 recovered)
Sultan	6 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	11 (5 recovered)
Unknown/Other	6 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (10 recovered)
Woodway	7 (5 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Not all cases are within city limits and totals may include nearby unincorporated Snohomish County. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.

Updates will only be posted by 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Information received or completed over the weekend will be reflected in the Monday update.